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I am writing to express my disapproval of the proposed final judgement against Microsoft in the current antitrust case, because I do not think it goes far enough to prevent Microsoft from abusing its monopoly powers in the future.

While a few parts, such as forbidding intimidation of OEMs and ISVs, are necessary in any effective remedy, the rest of the proposed remedy falls short. In particular, it ignores one of the largest barriers to entry, namely Microsoft's proprietary file formats and protocols. Microsoft has and will continue to abuse its monopoly through its file formats and network protocols (files for Microsoft Office and the SMB network protocol in particular). Without full documentation of these formats, interoperability (and therefore competition) with Microsoft will continue to be practically impossible.

Thank you,
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